

NEWS RELEASE

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The Woodlands Township COVID-19 Update, Tuesday, April 20, 2021

COVID-19 TESTING



Curative Testing in The Woodlands Dates Extended
All three Township testing locations will continue through May 31, 2021. Testing is free, and each location is open daily

from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information about COVID-19 testing by Curative, please visit the Township <u>website</u>, or <u>www.curative.com</u>. The three locations are as follows.

- The Woodlands Township Town Hall, 2801 Technology Forest Blvd., The Woodlands, TX 77381.
- Rob Fleming Aquatic Center, 6535 Creekside Forest Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77389. Appointments are recommended for this location and can be made here. (Please note-This location will move from the Rob Fleming Aquatic Center to The Recreation Center at Rob Fleming Park, 6464 Creekside Forest Dr., The Woodlands, TX 77389, on May 5, 2021.)
- Sterling Ridge Park and Ride, 8001 McBeth Way, The Woodlands, TX 77382.

VACCINE NEWS



Should I Expect Side Effects from the COVID-19 Vaccines?

Side effects after getting a COVID-19 vaccine are normal signs your body is building protection. Side effects may even feel like flu and might affect your ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days. Get more information now.

When You've Been Fully Vaccinated...

People who are fully vaccinated can start to do some things they stopped doing because of the pandemic, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Find out what's considered safe and what precautions should still be followed after being fully vaccinated. Read more.

HOW TO GET VACCINATED



Vaccine Hubs and Waiting Lists

All adults are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine in Texas. Several COVID-19 vaccine hubs and vaccination sites are available around The Woodlands and Montgomery County. The Woodlands Township has compiled this information for residents to use in making their decisions regarding COVID-19 vaccines. You may be placed on a waitlist until more vaccine supply is available. Your patience is appreciated. Learn more.

Individual hospitals, physicians' offices and pharmacies may also have vaccines available to eligible populations. Please check their websites for additional information. You can find a list of providers and additional information on the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) website. Another helpful resource for locating vaccines is www.vaccinefinder.org.

Questions?

The Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management offers call center hours Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Montgomery County residents, 65 years and older. Call 936-523-3916 during these hours to be assisted.

Harris County has established a hotline for their senior constituents through the HCP4 Encore Department. The HCP4 Encore staff is available as a resource to offer more information on the vaccination registration process from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 713-274-4050.



Vaccination Dashboard

Stay informed about the distribution and administration of the COVID-19 vaccine in Texas.

COVID-19 Texas Vaccination Data Dashboard

A dashboard is available through the Texas Department of State Health Services showing COVID-19 vaccination data in Texas. The charts below illustrate vaccines allocated, shipped and administered in the state of Texas, Montgomery County and Harris County. <u>View the dashboard</u>.

COUNTY NEWS

Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, can confirm mass vaccinations continue in our county by appointment.

Moderna vaccine appointments are available now through MCPHD for Monday, April 26th at Woodforest Bank Stadium in Shenandoah. All adult residents 18+ are eligible. Please register here: mcphd-tx.org. You will receive an email to schedule a second dose 3-4 weeks after your first dose.

Lone Star Family Health Center, individual hospitals, physicians' offices, and pharmacies have vaccines available to eligible populations. Please check their websites and Facebook pages for additional information. You can find a list of providers and additional information on the <u>DSHS</u> website here.

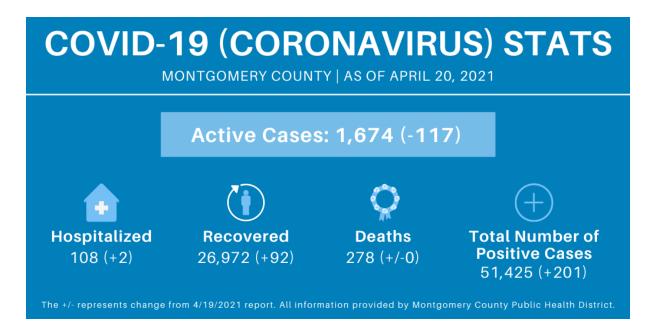
If you have questions regarding COVID-19, testing or vaccines, please call the Montgomery County COVID-19 Call Center at 936-523-3916. It is available Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Today, they can confirm:

- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 201 to 51,425 since Monday's (4/19) report. Of the 201 new cases, 196 were tested since 4/8/2021.
- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 decreased by 117 to 1,674 since Monday's (4/19) report. On Tuesdays and Fridays, they account for additional inactive cases who they have been unable to contact for 30 days or more. Today, they added 228 inactive cases.
- 108 county residents are known, as a result of contact investigations, to be in the hospital. Contact investigations have not been initiated on all reported cases.
- 26,972 people have clinically recovered.

The Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County is 8%, down from 9%. This number is updated weekly on Wednesdays. *Source: UT Health, School of Public Health*

*These numbers include PCR and rapid antigen testing. They do not include antibody testing.



SETRAC data for regional hospitalizations was last updated 4/20/2021. Updates can be found here. The COVID-19 dashboard for Montgomery County can be found here.

Do your part to slow the spread of COVID-19.

- Get vaccinated.
- Avoid groups of people.
- Practice social distancing.
- Wear a mask in public (over your nose and mouth) or with others who live outside your household. Never share a mask with others.
- Teach children proper hygiene and the correct way to wear a mask.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.
- Disinfect surfaces in your car and around your home.

Harris County COVID-19 Case Count

Harris County and the City of Houston launched a new data hub website, replacing their previous dashboard. The new website features information and data related to COVID-19 in Harris County, trends, metrics for success, zip code data and much more. Be sure to use an updated browser to new vebsite.

The Village of Creekside Park is located in two zip codes: 77375 and 77389, and these also include Magnolia, Augusta Pines/Auburn Lakes/West Rayford Road in northwest Harris County. Today, Harris County is reporting zip code 77375 has 4,342 confirmed positive cases with 169 active cases, and 77389 has 2,460 confirmed positive cases with 111 active cases.



COVID-19 Case Count Brief from The Woodlands Fire Department All numbers since 4/13/2021

Montgomery County

51,425 – Confirmed +685 1,674 – Active -115 278 – Deaths +5 26,978 – Recovered +487 108 – Hospitalized +6

Harris County

198,954 - Confirmed +1,843 5,780 - Active Cases +180 1,546 - Deaths +45 191,609 - Recovered +1,618

Montgomery County Testing

Do you have questions regarding COVID-19 or COVID-19 testing? The Montgomery County COVID-19 Call Center's number is 936-523-3916. It is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Harris County Testing

Residents may also sign up for free COVID-19 testing online at hcphtx.org. Call 832-927-7575 for more information.

CDC COVID Data Tracker

CDC's home for COVID-19 data, the <u>COVID Data Tracker</u>, has many tools and features to find data to help protect yourself, your family and your community. Data sets are updated daily, and new features are added every week. <u>Search for data by county.</u>

RESOURCES



FEMA Funeral Assistance

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of

2021, FEMA is providing financial assistance for COVID-19 related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020. Please follow the links below for additional information. COVID-19
Funeral Assistance | FEMA.gov and more information on FEMA assistance.



Learn How to Improve Your Face Covering

<u>Watch this video</u> from the CDC to learn how to improve protection and get a better fit from a disposable face mask.



SouthEast Texas Regional Advisory Council

<u>SETRAC</u> is a powerful coalition of providers, responders and other healthcare related partners united together to save lives and improve health outcomes through research, education and collaboration. You can find more information and view hospital use related to COVID-19 on their website, <u>setrac.org</u>.

Township Protocols

The Woodlands Township facilities are open while at the same time maintaining safety protocols for its employees and visitors due to COVID-19. Read complete protocol statement.

Township's Coronavirus Page

The Woodlands Township's COVID-19 page can be found at https://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19. This page features Montgomery and Harris County hubs, community resources and news from the Federal Government and the CDC. It also includes the latest news from the Township, partner agencies, important links, FAQs, live Twitter feeds and more.

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